

Finds Means Kept Tab on War Plants

Knew Output and Capacity of Munitions Works, Says Dooling

Letter Signed "Papen" Found in His Home

Dietsch, Secretary to Mrs. King's Adviser, Makes Important Statement

Complete reports of thirty-eight manufacturing plants turning out munitions were found yesterday among the papers of Gaston B. Means, business adviser of Mrs. Maude A. King, whose death is the subject of a grand jury investigation, which got under way here yesterday, and a second coroner's inquest in North Carolina, which starts next week.

Disclosures in Means's papers of his connection with German propaganda in this country, and intimate relations with Captain Boy-Ed and other German agents sent out of the United States for unneat conduct, are substantiated by the finding of the batch of reports.

Reports Made to Means Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, who is in charge of the King case investigation here, said:

"The reports were evidently made to Means. They furnish in typewritten and tabulated form complete data as to the output, in product and quantity, of each of the plants under surveillance. I know that many of the plants manufactured munitions of war, and possibly all did some work in relation to military affairs.

"These complete reports, in some cases indicating that intimate knowledge of the plants had to be obtained, I consider of great value to the Federal authorities, to whom they will be turned over at once."

Letter From Papen

"In connection with German propaganda, Means seems to have been doing business with a man by the name of von Hoffmann, in 1915, in affairs not favorable to the Allies," said Mr. Dooling. "I have also found among his effects, seized in his apartment at 1155 Park Avenue, a letter to him, signed, 'Papen,' which bears no date."

Captain von Papen was the military attaché of the German Embassy, dismissed at the same time as Boy-Ed, for his propaganda work. Means had boasted at various times, according to testimony in the hands of Mr. Dooling, that he had received sums as high as \$100,000 and \$200,000 within a year for services rendered the German government.

Henry Dietsch, secretary of Gaston B. Means and father-in-law of Afton Means, was the chief figure in yesterday's investigation in the District Attorney's office. He was under examination for almost eight hours.

Dietsch, with Afton Means, was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury, which took up the case yesterday morning. They were not called, however, their appearance before the grand jury was postponed until Wednesday.

After a conference with George Gordon Battle, attorney for both men, Dietsch, at 3 o'clock, entered Mr. Dooling's office.

Dietsch had to tell him anything outside of the grand jury room, Dietsch announced to newspapermen. "There's no reason why I should be questioned here. They have nothing to do with me."

Dietsch Makes Statement

What took place in Mr. Dooling's room was not disclosed, but it was learned that Dietsch, District Attorney announced: "Dietsch is likely to be an important witness."

It is known that a stenographer took down a long statement from Dietsch, in which Mr. Dooling asked the most important in the prosecution of the case. It is said that Dietsch will be asked to sign the statement this morning.

Dietsch went extensively into detail about the tangled financial affairs of Mrs. King, in which his own name appears frequently. He denied the report that his daughter, who became Mrs. Afton Means, had been in the employ of Paul Koenig, of undersea-merchant-fame. He admitted that she had worked in the Burns Detective Agency when Gaston Means was employed there, and had later become Means's employee after the latter had become Mrs. King's private secretary.

Mr. Dooling stated last night that typewritten in connection with the alleged second King will had been done in a freight office of the Hamburg-American line in Chicago.

Death as Accident, Said Sister

Mr. Dooling made public the following telegram, dated September 17, 1917, from Chicago to Mrs. King, on September 17 and signed with the name of Mrs. Melvin, Mrs. King's sister:

"Dear sister, at once for newspaper reporters of Chicago papers and at once for me any insinuations they have published that my sister, Mrs. King, lost her life in any except by accident, regardless of the Chicago coroner's report."

"It is impossible for any one to say her death was not an accident without knowing all the facts, and especially the short length of the pistol, which was just three or four inches long, and also explain how important she was as a witness in the pending litigation."

Mr. Dooling yesterday found evidence that Mrs. Gaston B. Means had banked large sums of money in New York institutions, which had subsequently been withdrawn. It was noted that the money was deposited about the time that deposits of Mrs. King were withdrawn from the latter's banks.

Mr. Dooling said he had tried into Gaston Means' account the proceeds from the sale of \$125,000 worth of securities released when the trust agreement, under which Mrs. King's estate was held, was revoked. Surrogate John P. Cahalan decided to grant her application.

Means Refuses to Give Up Mrs. King's Papers to North Carolina Official

HICKORY, N. C., Sept. 17.—Superior Judge Cline to-day announced that Gaston B. Means had agreed to submit to State Solicitor Hayden Clements certain papers, bankbooks and accounts of Mrs. Maude A. King, who was killed near Concord August 29, but that he had refused to deliver the documents to the custody of the State, as ordered last Friday by Judge Cline.

By action by the court on the refusal will be taken, Judge Cline said, until the solicitor has had an opportunity to determine whether the papers had any bearing on the mysterious death of the Chicago widow.

Announcement also was made officially to-day that District Attorney Swann of New York had been asked to deliver to Solicitor Clements, for use at the coroner's inquest next Monday, the original alleged second will of the late James C. King, husband of the dead woman.

Bank Named Receiver Of Mrs. King's Property Now Held by Means

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 17.—United States District Judge James E. Boyd, at Greensboro, to-day appointed the Central Bank and Trust Company, of Asheville, receiver of all money, property and papers of the late Mrs. Maude A. King in the possession of Gaston Means.

The order was made on the application of counsel representing Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, which alleged that no administrator had been appointed for Mrs. King's estate and that there was danger it would be dissipated or removed from the jurisdiction of the court unless taken in charge by a receiver.

The required bond of \$10,000 was made here by the trust company this afternoon, and the service of the proceeding will be made on Means tomorrow morning, when an agent of the receiver will make a demand on Means for all of Mrs. King's property.

Railroads Explains Taxicab Contract

Pennsylvania's Vice-President Says \$12,000 Was Given Up for Westcott Service

A. J. County, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, appeared before the Public Service Commission yesterday to explain his company's contract with the Westcott Express Company for taxicab service from the Pennsylvania Station. The Commission is investigating complaints that the Westcott Company charges excessive rates between the railroad terminals. At the first hearing last week it developed that the railroad company had rescinded a contract with the Black and White Company for \$12,000 a year for the same privilege and made a contract with the Westcott company without compensation.

Mr. County explained that the taxicab service conditions had been very troublesome to the Pennsylvania and that the Westcott company had finally been selected the best in the field. The contract had been let to this company, he said, despite the fact that the Board of Transportation had offered by the Black and White Company and which the railroad could not get from the Westcott company.

"In the taxicab business," he said, "the question of rates is of great importance to the public for a satisfactory and sanitary service. We had always thought that the Public Service Commission was the best authority on this city regulated cab rates."

Under the contract with the Westcott company, Mr. County said, the company was required to furnish a number of cabs as the general manager of the railroad might require. The contract provided, were at all times to be the same system of rates as applied to and from all other termini for similar distances.

Mrs. Kilborn Gets Divorce Can Now Remarry, but Husband Is Denied Privilege

Mrs. Eloise Sherin Kilborn received an interlocutory decree of divorce from her husband, Major Orson Kilborn, U. S. A., in the Supreme Court at White Plains yesterday. Justice Arthur S. Tompkins signed the decree and awarded Mrs. Kilborn alimony of \$35 a week. By the terms of the decree Mrs. Kilborn is permitted to remarry. The testimony in the case was heard by A. S. Hall, of 82 William Street, sitting as referee.

The press agent for an attraction about to open Broadway insists that the \$35 weekly alimony will not prevent Mrs. Kilborn's appearing on the stage, as she is under contract to do.

Broad Street Hospital Opens With 33 Doctors

The Broad Street Hospital, at Broad and South streets, opened its doors to patients yesterday morning. The new institution is a memorial to Herbert Barber, and is intended to take care of the downtown district. A number of the doctors have been set aside for the care of seamen of the Navy Department. Of the first seven patients cared for three were seamen.

Dr. A. J. Barker Savage is superintendent and is assisted by thirty-three physicians, four internes and twenty-five nurses. There are two motor ambulances. The building is seven stories high and is one of the most completely equipped institutions in the city.

Mrs. Florman Advanced \$120,000 to Pay Debts

Thanks to an order signed yesterday by Surrogate John P. Cahalan, Mrs. Olga Kohler Florman will be able to pay all her debts to-day. Through her attorney, John B. Stanchfield, Mrs. Florman asked that \$120,000 be advanced her from the surplus income of the estate of her father, Charles Kohler, millionaire piano manufacturer.

The \$25,000 she has been receiving annually, she stated, was insufficient to meet her obligations, among which she listed the upkeep of her summer home at Sand Point, Long Island, at \$2,000 a month, and a \$5,000 a year suite at 777 Madison Avenue.

Referee George L. Ingraham, to whom the application was referred, found the surplus income on hand to be \$125,000. Inasmuch as Mrs. Florman stated that her sole income, aside from the \$25,000, was \$60 weekly which her husband earned as a jewelry salesman, Surrogate Cahalan decided to grant her application.

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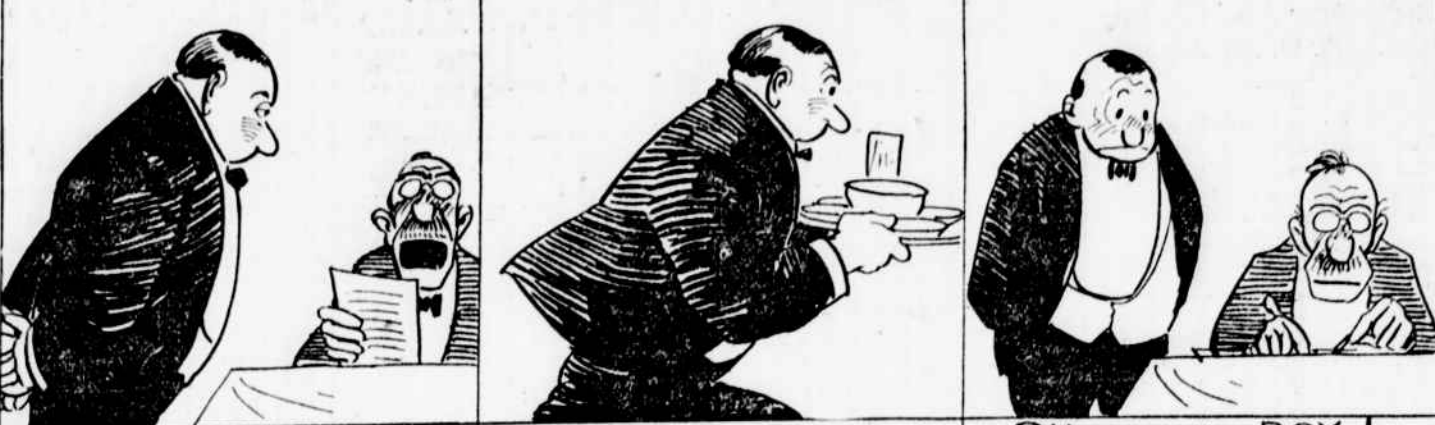
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Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'?

AFTER YOU HAVE TAKEN A DINNER ORDER FROM A GROUCH - AND YOU MAKE AN EXTRA BIG EFFORT TO PLEASE HIM BY HURRYING UP HIS ORDER - AND YOU'VE GOT HIM SIZED UP AS A CASE OF "BAD MEAT"



IF YOU LIFT UP HIS PLATE AND UNCOVER A GREENBACK!! OH-H-H-H-BOY! AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-AND GLOR-YUS FEELIN'?



Dutch Seamen Here Would Go With U. S.

2,000 of Them Hail Report That Ships May Be Taken Over

Two thousand Dutch seamen, who have been marooned here for weeks with their ships by the stringent embargo regulations, are not averse, it was learned yesterday, to entering the merchant marine service of the United States. Reports that this country would take over their ships are credited by the Hollanders, and they have had several meetings in Hoboken, at which the question was discussed. All agreed willingly, but resolved that United States service must mean United States pay, which is \$60 a month, with a 50 per cent war bonus, making it about twice the Dutchmen's present pay.

There are forty-six Dutch vessels in New York Harbor, and ninety which fly the Swedish, Norwegian and Danish flags are in the same plight. All of the detained vessels are closely guarded by agents of the Department of Justice and several Germans have been taken from them to Ellis Island.

The owners of Scandinavian shipping lying idle in United States ports are said to be alarmed at the situation. The Scandinavian and Dutch ships thus tied up aggregate 750,000 tons, and have a market value of \$150,000,000.

The greater part of this tonnage has been lying at anchor since the early part of July, and it was reported yesterday that steamship interests in this city are striving to bring about a deal which will permit these vessels to enter the trade of the United States so that they will overcome the enormous loss of compulsory inactivity.

Reports were current yesterday that one of the prosperous liners with vessels tied up in the port was making an effort through Washington to permit the chartering of eight of its vessels to the Peruvian and Chilean governments for trade between New York and Gulf ports and the ports of Lima and Valparaiso.

College Socialists to Meet 7-Day Conference Opens To-night at Bellport, L. I.

The National Congress of College Socialists, under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, will open to-night for a seven-day session at Bellport, Long Island. "Labor in Private and Public Industry" will be the topic. The speakers will be James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor; Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary of the National Consumers' League; James MacKay and Orville Tread, the chairman.

"The Intercollegiate Socialist Society believes that it is performing an invaluable social service," said Dr. Harry Laidler, its national secretary, "by providing a common meeting place, where all earnest students of socialism and their varying opinions may find out in what respects they differ and in what respects they are in agreement."

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Boy, 6, Shot to Death When Enemy Goes 'Over the Top' in Vacant Lot

Field Marshal Who Had Found Loaded Revolver Captured by Police After Casualty Was Found by His Mother - Both Armies Dispersed After Shooting

From the salute to the flag when the school session began yesterday to the last dreary moment of the geography class the ten-year-old mind of Michael Chieffo was ecstatically preoccupied with an object whose weight caused the front of his blouse to sag. During the calisthenics his fingers strayed to his vague outline, when his subconscious mind knew that they should have been grating with his arms in harmony with all the other fingers and arms in the class.

More than once Michael felt pedagogic suspicion hovering over him, but dismissal came at last, with the weighty secret still inviolate. At once Michael gathered about him ten or a dozen of his most trusted mates and outlined his plans for the afternoon. There was to be a battle, with trenches, mines, gas, liquid fire, "an" something else, too," promised Michael, mysteriously.

Dig Trenches in Lot A true strategist, Michael selected his own ground for the encounter. It was a lot at Tillary Street and St. Edward's Place, Brooklyn, handy to Michael's home, at 47 St. Edward's Place, and replete with old tin and iron ware, which were veritable treasures to a young boy of Michael's age.

Only Luigi remained, and he was past aid even when his mother arrived, first of all the crowd that had heard the shot. A bullet had gone through his chest. A rod away, on the parapet of the other trench, lay a 38-calibre revolver, red with rust, the only relic of Michael and his army.

Police found Michael hiding in a woodpile in the cellar of his home. He had found the aged weapon on an early morning expedition to an abandoned chicken coop near his home, he said. It was so rusted as to be almost impossible to open, but contained five cartridges. Michael had tried to open it, he said, but had pulled the trigger in the excitement of the charge. He was placed under arrest and will be arraigned in the Brooklyn Children's Court to-day.

Jury to Get Girl Murder Case To-day Trial of Vermont Cavalryman, Held Slayer of Sweetheart, Is Finished

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Sept. 17.—The presentation of evidence in the trial of Robert Warm, the Burlington cavalryman charged with the murder of Jennie Hemmingway, his youthful sweetheart, was completed to-day, and the closing arguments were begun. It is expected the jury will get the case to-morrow.

Letters that passed between the fourteen-year-old girl and Warm, a few days before her murder by strangulation on August 12, figured in the rebuttal evidence presented by both the state and the defense to-day. Warm, whose home is in Pottdown, Penn., where he has twin babies, kept company with Jennie Hemmingway while he was at Fort Ethan Allen, and had proposed marriage, according to the letters.

The last letter written by the girl to Warm was introduced by the defense to show her love for him. It contained many expressions of affection and indicated her desire to marry him. The signature was "From your little wife, Mrs. Robert Warm."

In offering letters, authorship of which was admitted by Warm, the prosecution attempted to show that his relations with Miss Hemmingway were not exactly as he had claimed.

Writing at a time when he expected to be sent to the front with a cavalry command at Fort Ethan Allen, Warm expressed great love for the girl, but referred to apparent indifference on her part, and in another letter indicated that there had been some misunderstanding or disagreement. There was a reference, however, to their marriage plans, with the assurance by the soldier that Miss Hemmingway would receive his pay every month.

Indiana Governor Critically Ill INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17.—The condition of Governor James P. Goodrich of Indiana, critically ill of typhoid fever at a local hospital, was reported practically unchanged by the attending physicians this afternoon. No change is expected for two or three days, the physicians said.

Tribune Campaign Praised by Swann

Of Great Help in Exposing Dishonest Advertisers, He Says

District Attorney Swann paid a high tribute yesterday to the Tribune for its fearless campaign for honest advertising and its exposure of fake auctioneers. Mr. Swann also pointed out that the Tribune had cooperated with him splendidly in prosecuting offenders along these lines.

"I cannot pay my compliments to the Tribune too cheerfully for the help it has been to me. When I came into office as District Attorney the Tribune had been doing this much needed work of campaigning against dishonest advertisers, and as soon as I established a special bureau of commercial frauds, with Assistant District Attorney Moses Ryttenberg in charge, the investigators for the Tribune at once gave me splendid assistance in going after these fellows. I believe that Samuel Hopkins Adams and the Tribune are doing a splendid work for the protection of the public," said the District Attorney.

Mr. Swann volunteered his remarks when he received a letter from Arthur M. Reis, chairman of the fake sales committee of the Wholesale Men's Furnishings Association, congratulating him for the manner in which he conducted the case against George Jauchen, a fake advertiser, who was convicted on complaint of the association. Mr. Reis wrote in part as follows:

"It has been necessary for our concern from time to time to get in touch with the District Attorney's office in administrative matters previous to our having received such efficient help and cooperation as your staff has given us. In this I do not wish to refer only to what your office has done for us as individuals, but as chairman of the fake sales committee of the Wholesale Men's Furnishings Association I want to confirm the above."

Never has the City of New York been so clean of these illegitimate and nefarious dealers, who have contemptuously robbed the public, plying particularly on out-of-town people coming to New York. For this result your office is largely responsible. The Bureau of Frauds established by you under Mr. Ryttenberg's supervision has been an immeasurable value to the public and merchants of New York."

Wed an Hour, a Suicide Chauffeur, About to Start on Honeymoon, Kills Himself

Islip, N. Y., Sept. 17.—A little more than an hour after he had been married to Miss Etta Clark, twenty years old, who lived here, John A. Brooks, twenty-three, killed himself with a shotgun.

Mrs. Brooks was waiting in a taxicab which was to take her and her husband to the railroad station to start on their honeymoon, when Mr. Brooks left her for a moment, went into the garage of Dr. B. C. Andrews, by whom he was employed as a chauffeur, and shot himself. No reason is known for Brooks's act.

Kilroe Answers Mitchell Asks Mayor if He Attended Other 'Land Gang' Dinners

In reply to the Mayor's retort of "extravagant and absurd story" to "extravagant and absurd story" to Kilroe's account of a dinner at E. P. Kilroe's, attended by Mr. Mitchell and Charles O'Malley, the Controller's land expert, Mr. Kilroe issued an invitation yesterday to two of the alleged diners to make an after-dinner speech to the grand jury.

"Will the Mayor," demanded the Assistant District Attorney, "advise his dinner friends, William M. Greve and Charles A. O'Malley, to waive immunity before the grand jury and to make a clean breast of the whole affair? This way he can aid the public more than he suspects."

"Will his honor take the public further into his confidence and tell whether or not he has attended other exclusive dinners of the land gang or any of its members? Will he give a list of those present at those dinners and the nature of the entertainment given?"

65 Russian Survivors Of Old Vanadis Here Wrecked Off Halifax When Yacht Blew Up

Shortly before midnight a German explosion was heard and the watch on deck saw a sheet of flame issuing from the hold. At first it was believed that the vessel had been attacked by a German submarine. This belief was speedily discounted by the volume of flame, accompanied by explosion, as one after the other of the tanks went up.

The naval lieutenant in command of the yacht issued orders to concentrate all efforts on getting away in open boats.

When the last of the lifeboats was a hundred yards from the "United," the name of the vessel was heard. A terrific detonation was heard. The yacht became enveloped in fire and shortly sank.

A heavy gale and an exceptionally rough sea prevailed, and the crew suffered much hardship from the cold and lack of nourishment, their get-away being so hurried that they could not take any food with them. Many did not have time to put on their clothes.

Penitent Picket Freed by Judge Baltimore Suffragist Denounces Wilson Siege as Fanaticism After Release

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Bertha M. Jackson, one of six suffragists sentenced Friday by Police Judge Mulwenny to thirty days in the workhouse, to-day recanted and promised never again to picket the White House. Judge Mulwenny promptly placed Mrs. Jackson on probation.

Under most suffrage pickets, who have been sent to Oceanquan, Mrs. Jackson, who is a prominent sociological worker in Baltimore, found the food at the workhouse good and the beds clean and wholesome.

"I am willing to suffer for suffrage," she said upon her release, "but not for fanaticism. I see no harm in banner carrying as a principle, but when it attracts mobs and leads to violations of the law it must be discontinued."

"They will call me a traitor, but I believe in law and order and I propose to stay in the city and work for the law. I am associated at Oceanquan with around constantly finding fault and looking for something to criticize. Any one who asked them to be considerate of the officials was looked upon as being in the way. They seemed to have lost the very ideas of our cause. Their minds are so distorted with the idea of injustice that they have fallen into their own nets and become the victims of the very conditions they are trying to overcome."

Fusion Delays Ratification The ratification meeting for the Fusion candidates will probably not be held until later in the month.

While there is no doubt as to the nomination of Mayor Mitchell, Controller Prendergast and Robert Adams in the primaries to-morrow, the fact that the Mayor has a constant in the Republican primaries in the person of ex-Senator William M. Bennett, has delayed the announcement of the opening campaign rally.

The political wiseacres—those among them who believe that Bennett will poll a surprisingly large vote—give him 100,000 to 300,000 votes in the greater city. Bennett himself declared yesterday that he expected to carry Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond against Mayor Mitchell. It is conceded that he may run strong in Brooklyn and possibly edge Mayor Mitchell out in that borough.

In the September state primaries last year, when Senator Bennett contested the nomination for Governor with Governor Whitman, Bennett received 100,000 votes in the greater city. The total Republican enrollment in the city was 37 per cent of the enrolled Republican vote. That was a straight Republican fight. A local Fusion fight is another matter, and it is bound to change the alignment somewhat. A larger percentage of the enrolled Republican vote is expected in the primaries this year.

Of the 92,000 of Republican enrollment of 92,000 in Kings County, the primary vote last year was 49,500, a much larger per cent proportionately than was cast in New York City. Bennett is expected to be the winner in Brooklyn against Mayor Mitchell, because of the anti-Mitchell Republicans there who want a straight Republican ticket, at least until Justice James C. Crosey withdraw from the race.

Bennett Men Confident The Bennett followers contend that a substantial number of the Crosey supporters will vote for their candidate, despite the fact that the Kings County Republican organization has declared for Fusion. As pointed out by the Kings County organization, it failed to name Mayor Mitchell in its endorsement of Fusion. The Bennett strength in Richmond lies in the fact that the public total enrollment last year in the five boroughs was 199,000 of which 74,400 votes were cast in the state primaries. The primary vote of 100,000 is expected to be 100,000 more or less uncertain in that borough. The total enrollment last year in the five boroughs was 199,000 of which 74,400 votes were cast in the state primaries. The primary vote of 100,000 is expected to be 100,000 more or less uncertain in that borough.

The only Democratic primary contest of interest in Manhattan is the Tammany candidate for the Supreme Court and Surveyor Thomas E. Ryan, who bolted Tammany and is running against McAvoy. Bird S. Coley will contest the candidacy of Mr. Ryan, because of his record in the Borough President in Democratic primaries in Brooklyn.

Court Directs Sale of Hopkins & Allen Arms Co. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 17.—An order directing that the sale of the property of the Hopkins & Allen Arms Co. be made by the United States District Court here to-day.

The concern because of the low price at which it contracted to furnish rifles for the Belgian government, and received were appointed several months ago, it is expected that the property and it makes the purchase will turn over to an arms manufacturer corporation to complete the contract.

Missing Girls Return Helen Kessler and Elizabeth Irene Sempey, of 232 West 123d Street, the girls in whose disappearance had Friday Mrs. Grace Humiston played a great interest, returned to their home yesterday. They had been on an excursion to a farm near Greenwich, Conn., it was said. Helen feared that her father would worry and telegraphed to her. He went to Greenwich and brought them home.